CLAIMS: AVES ISLAND

Convention signed at Valencia January 14, 1859
Approved by Venezuela February 1, 1859
Senate advice and consent to ratification February 21, 1861
Ratified by the President of the United States February 26, 1861
Entered into force February 26, 1861
Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms 1

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Convention between the United States and Venezuela for Settlement of Aves Island Claims

Edward A. Turpin, Minister Resident of the United States of America, and Luis Sanojo, Secretary of State in the Department of Foreign Relations of the Government of Venezuela, being duly authorized to form an equitable agreement for the satisfaction of the damages and losses sustained by Philo S. Shelton, Sampson and Tappan, and Lang and Delano, in consequence of the evictions of their agents and employees from the Aves Island by the forces of Venezuela, have agreed upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I

The Government of Venezuela obliges itself to pay to the Government of the United States, or to its Minister Resident in Venezuela, the gross sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, United States currency, (\$130,000,) of which said sum, one hundred and five thousand dollars (\$105,000) is in liquidation of the claims of Shelton, Sampson and Tappan, and is to be distributed among themselves, and the residue, that is to say, twenty-five thousand dollars, (\$25,000,) is in liquidation of claims of Lang and Delano.

ARTICLE II

The said sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, shall be paid in the following terms:

¹ For a discussion of the payments and a detailed study of this convention, see 8 Miller 137.

For Shelton, Tappan and Sampson:

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		\$15,000		\$4,000
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		\$95,000		\$25,000
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Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum shall be paid on the gross amount of indemnity, commencing from the 1st day of this present month, January, 1859, and being added to the several instalments as they fall due. The interest being always computed on the amount of indemnity, remaining unpaid at the time of the payment of the several instalments.

ARTICLE III

In consideration of the above agreement and indemnification, the Government of the United States, and the individuals in whose behalf they have been made, agree to desist from all further reclamation respecting the Island of Aves.

ARTICLE IV

This agreement shall be submitted to the present National Convention, and in case it should not be ratified by it before the closing of its present session, then it shall be considered null and void.

Valencia, January the fourteenth, of eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.

E. A. TURPIN Luis Sanojo